Bible & Daily Living

Law of the heart

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
Not in Stone But On The Heart
Lesson for July 12, 1981
Bible Study Passage: Deuteronomy 6:1-15
Introduction

Laws, principles and commandments are not worth the paper they are printed on unless they are written also upon the heart. A marriage license is a document which states that two persons are legally wedded. The license does not insure that two people will achieve intimacy in their relationship. An intellectual acknowledgement of God does not imply a commitment of the heart. Commitment is something that comes from within and not without. Commitment cannot be coerced or legislated; it can only come as a person willfully sets their mind and heart to that which calls for personal commitment. In many instances actions do speak louder than words.

The Basics of Belief [Deut. 6:4-5]

Verses four and five of Deut. 6 form the central focus of the Hebrew faith. These verses are also referred to as the Shema, which is the Hebrew word meaning "to hear." The Shema suscinctly describes the basis for belief in Yahweh, that is, **"The Lord God is one Lord; And we shall love him with heart, soul and body."** This is a basic truth for both Jews and Christians.

We cannot fully comprehend the message of the New Testament without first of all appreciating the unique message of the Old Testament. We cannot fully understand the uniqueness of Christ without understanding how the Christian Gospel was forged the early revelation of God to the Jewish nation.

A further fundamental notion of the Shema is love for God. In every way we are to love the Lord our God with our total being. This means that he is to be considered in all aspects of our day to day living. Our devotion to God comes from our knowledge of his grace and love towards us.

Passing Along Our Faith [Deut. 6:6-9]

Treasures are not very useful unless shared with others. The discoveries of King Tut's tomb were much too spectacular to be kept in a musty museum in a far away land. They were shuttled across the states and around the world for millions to view. In a similar vein, the message of the Lord was considered far too valuable to be hidden in the minds of the early Hebrew. They were to teach the words of the Lord to their children and to their children's children.

The faith of the Bible was meant to become a family tradition. Families today are charged with the responsibility of instruction and passing along of the faith. Some things simply cannot be obtained from books alone; they must be shared from the heart and by a life of example. The commandments of God were to be passed along to every individual member of the family. Thus, the faith of the Holy Bible is something that is shared and personally experienced.

This faith was also meant to be practiced in deed as well as in word. So we come back to an original point, namely, that unless laws, principles and commandments are practiced, the written letter simply isn't enough.

Securing Our Faith [Deut. 6:10-15]

Memories are sometimes shortened with the passing of time. How soon we are to forget some past event that held great meaning for our lives. How easy it becomes to forget past blessings because we are preoccupied with the present or with the future.

God spoke through Moses and instructed the people that they were never to forget the past blessings. They were to remember that everything they possessed was a gift from God. It is easy in every age to cling to the mistaken notion that material possessions are obtained through human efforts. We fail to remember that all things are gifts from God-even life itself. Prosperity sometimes causes a memory lapse in some people. Gold has a way of making some persons lose sight of reality.

Another point in Moses' message to the people was a reiteration of the commandment which warns against worship of other gods. God would not tolerate the worship or recognition of other gods. The Hebrew people lived in a religiously pluralistic culture in which the worship and recognition of other gods was quite common. That same principle is still true today; there are numerous gods that can take us away from worship of our true Father.

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The Pastor Speaks

By DANIEL W. MENSER
See and Know God

Psalms 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

Do you ever feel that your troubles are about to get you down? Psalm 46 has a beautiful message. But it is most difficult to be still and patient, that within the heart of trouble the purpose of God is fulfilled, know that God is God and a constant source of help in time of trouble.

When both of my parents died of heart attacks, I found I had to be still and patient, and trust God with my troubles. Although you may not be able to see the immediate purpose in your trouble or heartache, you must trust God and know that he will work it out for you.

Now, here's a threefold assignment. First, just begin thanking and praising God for who he is and what he is. Then take a piece of paper and write down all the things you can thank him for-people, relationships, aptitudes, and so forth. Now, using your imagination, write a poem, a ballad type of song, or a short story which expresses how you have found a source of comfort in God in time of trouble.

Then, thank God for his presence in hard times as well as good times.

Daniel W. Menser is pastor of Central and Hollywood Baptist Churches in Appomattox. County).

As new pastor

Rev. Robert Williams coming to New Hope

Rev. Robert L. Williams

The Rev. Robert L. Williams of Fort Worth, Texas has accepted the pastorate of New Hope Baptist Church, Vera. He fills the vacancy created when the Rev. Clarence Davis accepted the position of pastor of West Side Baptist Church, Harrisonburg, Va.

Williams, a native of Brownsville, Tennessee, is a graduate of Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee, and a recent graduate of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, where he was awarded a Master of Divinity degree.

Since 1964 he has had secular experience in sales, personnel management, administration, accounting, advertising, and purchasing.

"These secular experiences," says Williams "should prove to be very beneficial in my ministry at New Hope. Because of my experiences, I relate more to others who have secular responsibilities and am better qualified to properly handle the church's administrative responsibilities."

The Rev. Williams was an active member of Southland Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee and First Baptist Church, Fisherville in Eads, Tennessee. While attending Southwestern Baptist Seminary he served as pastor of the Plainsville Baptist Church in Stephensville, Texas.

Mrs. Williams is the former Shirley A. Lovelace of Brownsville, Tennessee. While her husband was attending seminary, Shirley served as a secretary and for the past two years did secretarial work for the Rev. Tommy Lea, a former pastor of Liberty Baptist Church.

The Williams have two children, a son, Scott, who recently graduated from high school and a daughter, Heather, who will be in the ninth grade at the Appomattox County High School this fall.

MRS. DOROTHY STEVENS, President of the Meadowlark Homemakers Club is shown presenting a country ham to Mrs. Teresa Glover, of Route 3, Appomattox. Mrs. Glover was the lucky winner of the ham in a raffle held by the club to provide money for two 4-H Camp Scholarships.

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Thr formal dining room is adjacent as well as the roomy kitchen. The kitchen includes surplus working area, built-in appliances and is accessible to the breakfast room, utility space and double side-entry garage.

There are three large bedrooms, all including good closet space and the master shower bath is private. Central bath services daytime use and guests.

The plan may be built with or without basement, stair location being from the great room at the bath area.

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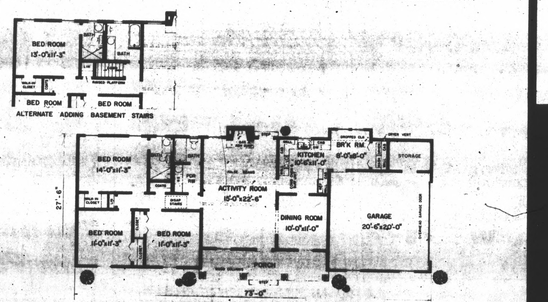

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Duff-Smith vows exchanged

Sharon Lawhorne Duff and Robert Glen Smith exchanged marriage vows at seven-thirty on Saturday evening, July 4 on the lawn at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren A. Trent, Appomattox.

Ms. Duff is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lawhorne of Madison Heights.

The Rev. Wayne Lanham, chaplain at the Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital, performed the ceremony before an altar of greens and arrangements of pink and white flowers against the natural outdoor setting of trees and sunset.

Debbie Rush of Appomattox, organist, presented a program of nuptial music.

The bride chose a full length gown of silk and lace. The fitted bodice was accented with lace and lace encircled the high collar and enhanced the long sleeves. Her finger-tip length veil was edged in lace. She carried a bouquet of silk flowers.

Debbie F. Fielder of Lynchburg was maid of honor. She wore a pink tiered lace gown and carried a lace fan decorated with matching pink flowers.

Bridesmaids were Wanda L. Christian and Debbie W. Hines of Madison Heights and Tracey J. Trent, sister of the groom of Appomattox. They all wore identical gowns of lavendar.

Genna Chambers of Appomattox was flower girl. Her white gown complimented the white shirt and tuxedo of Christopher M. Duff, son of the bride, ring bearer.

M. David Towns of Raleigh, N. C. was best man. Ushers were Jack W. Smith, of Hillsborough, N. C., brother of the groom, David Lyles and Douglas L. Benning, both of Lynchburg.

Following the ceremony a reception was held on the lawn by torch light.

After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will reside in Hickory, N. C. where Mr. Smith, a graduate of North Carolina State in Raleigh is Assistant Business Office Manager at Glenn-Frye Hospital. Mrs. Smith, a graduate of Lynchburg College will be teaching there.

THE YOUNG HEARTS CLUB members pose with their "Tacky Party" costumes.

Hearts 'tacky'

The Young Hearts Club enjoyed a most delightful Tacky Party at the homes of Neola and Grover Smith, Helen Gunter and Ralph Barlow on June 24 with 54 present.

John Hall gave a humorous recitation and we enjoyed singing old songs accompanied by Neola with the ukulele and Ralph the harp.

Myrtle Scruggs, Elizabeth Reynolds and Marguerite Gilliam served as judges - 1st and 2nd prizes were given to the tackiest as follows:

Ladies - 1st Helen Gunter, 2nd Claudia Moore.

Men - 1st Thomas Richardson, 2nd. John Hall.

A bountiful and delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

Reunion slated

The Martin-Cyrus-Layne family reunion will be held Sunday, July 26, at the old Oakville School.

Lunch is scheduled to begin at 12:30. Family and friends are invited to come and bring a picnic lunch.

Families to reunite

The Seay-Watson family reunion will be held Sunday, July 12 at the Prospect Fire Hall.

Lunch is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Family and friends are asked to come and bring a picnic lunch.

Come and enjoy the fun!

Benefit set

A bake sale and plate lunch will be held at the home of Mrs. Louise Harvey on Saturday, June 11.

Proceeds will be used to support the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Usher's treasury.

Homecoming slated

The Maple Grove Baptist Church at Gladstone will hold homecoming July 19.

The Rev. Omar Burnette will be the guest evangelist at revival services to be held July 19-24. The services will begin at 8 p.m. each night.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

Smith graduates

Miss Pam Smith was among 293 graduates receiving degrees, diplomas and certificates at Central Virginia Community College graduation ceremonies on June 13.

Pam graduated magna cumlaude with an applied Science degree in Secretarial Science.

Pam is employed with Babcock and Wilcox in Lynchburg, Va. and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Smith, Rt. 2, Gladstone, Va.

Moore cited

Lisa V. Moore, a freshman at Salem College, has earned a spot on the Dean's List for the Spring semester at that institution according to a release from Salem College.

Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Moore of Route 3, Appomattox.

Four get degrees

Four students from Appomattox County received degrees in commencement ceremonies held recently at Virginia Tech.

The students and their degrees were: Karen F. Carter, bachelor of Science in agricultural education; Jesse W. Morgan, Jr., master of science in education, vocational technical; Barry F. Sauls, master of science in education, vocational technical; and Arthur L. Wiggins, master of science in education, vocational technical.

Flea market set

The third monthly Flea Market sponsored by the Oakville Ruritan Club is scheduled for Saturday, July 11 at the Oakville School on Rt. 26.

Twenty-three dealers were on hand for the June sale and prospects are for a similar number this time. According to Club officials the number of bargain hunters has been large. Food and drink will be available. The hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

King in Germany

Chief Warrant Officer William A. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. King of Route 1, Spout Spring, Va., has arrived for duty at Nuremburg, West Germany.

King, a maintenance technican with the 2nd Support Command, was previously assigned at Fort Eustis, Va.

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Ms. Penelope Mundy Shea

Ms. Shea engaged

Penelope Mundy Shea of Appomattox and Dr. Steven Joseph Salay of Lynchburg wish to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Ms. Shea is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mundy of Harrisonburg. Dr. Salay is the son of Stephen Szalay, Sr., of Cleveland Heights, Ohio and the late Mrs. Barbara Szalay.

Ms. Shea is a graduate of Lynchburg College and is employed as Special Education teacher with the Lynchburg Public School System.

Dr. Salay was educated at the Muegyetem in Hungary, is a graduate of Lynchburg College and VPI/SU. He is employed by the General Electric Company.

An August wedding is planned.

Rhonda Michelle Barksdale

Barksdale cited

Rhonda Michelle Barksdale was named the Overall Winner in the First Miss Southern Majestic Star Pageant held at the Sheraton Inn, Lynchburg on June 27.

Rhonda was competing among 38 contestants for the Overall title. As the Overall winner she received a five-foot trophy, a banner and a tiara as well as trophies for Overall Interview, Party Gown, Photogenic, Beauty and Talent.

Playing the piano for her talent, Rhonda won first runner-up in her age division.

She also won an all-expense paid trip to the Tri-State Majestic Star Pageant to be held in Washington, D.C. on September 26.

Rhonda was sponsored by H. Grey Harvey Insurance Agency in Charlotte Court House. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Barksdale of Phenix. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Barksdale of Phenix and Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt E. Tolbert of Pamplin.

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Crawford child born

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Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Quesenberry of Dublin, Va.

Paternal grandparents are Mrs. W. B. Richardson of Weyers Cave, Va. and the late Phil Crawford.

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